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1,667,485 to Macdonald	Connector	April 24, 1928
3,184,706 to Atkins	Coaxial Cable With Internal Crimping Structure	May 18, 1965
3,668,612 to Nepovim	Cable Connector	June 6, 1972
3,854,003 to Duret	Electrical Connection For Aerated Insulation Coaxial Cables	December 10, 1974
3,907,399 to Spinner	HF Coaxial Plug Connector	September 23, 1975
4,408,822 to Nikitas	Coaxial Connectors	October 11, 1983
4,614,390 to Baker	Lead Sealing Assembly	September 30, 1986
4,640,572 to Conlon	Connector For Structural Systems	February 3, 1987
4,717,355 to Mattis	Coaxial Connector Moisture Seal	January 5, 1988
4,789,355 to Lee	Electrical Compression Connector	December 6, 1988
4,834,675 to Samchisen	Snap-N-Seal Coaxial Connector	May 30, 1989
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4,973,265 to Heeren	Dismountable Coaxial Coupling	November 27, 1990

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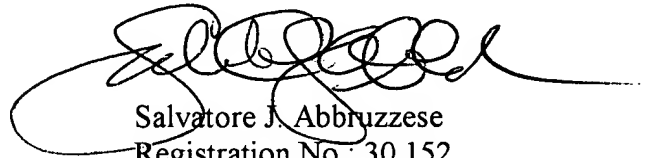
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5,161,993 to Leibfried, Jr.	Retention Sleeve For Coupling Nut For Coaxial Cable Connector and Method For Applying Same		November 10, 1992
5,207,602 to McMills et al.	Feedthrough Coaxial Cable Connector		May 4, 1993
5,295,864 to Birch et al.	Sealed Coaxial Connector		March 22, 1994
5,354,217 to Gabel et al.	Lightweight Connector For A Coaxial Cable		October 11, 1994
5,435,745 to Booth	Connector For Coaxial Cable Having Corrugated Outer Conductor		July 25, 1995
5,470,257 to Szegda	Radial Compression Type Coaxial Cable End Connector		November 28, 1995
5,571,028 to Szegda	Coaxial Cable End Connector With Integral Moisture Seal		November 5, 1996
5,620,339 to Gray et al.	Electrical Connectors		April 15, 1997
5,632,651 to Szegda	Radial Compression Type Coaxial Cable End Connector		May 27, 1997
5,879,191 to Burris	Zip-Grip Coaxial Cable F-Connector		March 9, 1999

Copies of each of these references are attached herewith. All of the references listed above are also listed on Applicants' Form PTO-1449 which is attached to this Information Disclosure Statement for the convenience of the Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning the above, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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